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Hungary

Huge Underground Cold Storage Area Suitable for Factories or Bomb Shelter, Food Storage Warehouses, Food Factory, Stock Yards and Slaughter House

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Huge Underground Area

- 1 In about the center of Kobanya District in eastern Budapest, adjacent to Magdalene Street and Gyomrei Street, there are four large breweries. One of these breweries is known as Breher and the other three go under the name of Kobanyai Sörgyarak. These breweries are in an elevated section of Budapest which gradually rises to altitude equivalent to that of Gellert Mountain. Underneath these breweries is a huge underground area of approximately one square mile. During World War II this underground area was used as a bomb shelter. Also during World War II the Germans installed in this underground area a factory or factories, relating to the manufacture of aircraft.

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In 1954 this underground area was used as cold storage area for meat, dairy products, and fruit. The refrigeration equipment in this underground area is both ammonia and gas. Temperatures as low as -20° centigrade can be obtained. The capacity of this underground storage area is large enough to hold a two years supply of food for Budapest and other nearby cities. The area is equipped with elevators.

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The area extends downward to a depth of six or seven stories. There are between 20 and 30 entrances to this underground large enough to accommodate trucks. A railroad line with European gauge tracks goes into this underground area. The area is capable of containing a locomotive and fifteen or twenty freight cars. Both steam and electric locomotives are employed on this track into the underground area. This underground area, which is now used for cold storage, is known as Huttahas and the main office is located at Magdalene Street No 9, Budapest. This underground cold storage falls under the jurisdiction of the Hungarian Ministry of Interior Commerce and is operated by Kocart (Kozlegi Elhalmozasi Tarsasag) [spelling doubtful - rough translation: Municipal Food Organization].

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- 2 This Huttahas was the source of supply for meat and dairy products for both civilian and military consumption in the Budapest area. Distribution from this underground cold storage area was accomplished by truck. Soviet military trucks being loaded in the area. Hospitals were the only organizations which received priority in the distribution of food from this area.

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3. [] electric power for this underground area, which was divided into large rooms, was obtained from a thermal power station at Matra-Baza which is located 60 kilometers approximately north of Budapest.

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4. Opposite the main office of the Huttobas underground cold storage area there is a food preservation factory located at Magdalena Street No. 4. This factory employs around 200 or 300 people and is in a one story building 300 to 400 meters long and 40 to 60 meters wide. Glass containers were used in this factory.

Stockyards and Slaughter House

5. The stockyards, a slaughter house and a temporary cold storage area are located in a large area in south Budapest, bounded on the northwest by Vagohid Street, on the northeast by Mester Street, on the southeast by Marassey Street and on the southwest by Soroksari Street. The area is surrounded by concrete pillars and iron bars.

6. In south Budapest, north of the Soroksari Duna and east of the southernmost part of Krasnay Jeno Street, there is a large warehouse for the storage of vegetables and fruit called Nagyvasartelep which is a one story high building, about 700 meters long and 100 meters wide. This warehouse is served by a railroad and fruits and vegetables are distributed to the markets of Budapest by truck. This warehouse, as all food establishments in Budapest, is operated by Kossart which functions under the Ministry of Interior Commerce (Belkereskedelmi Ministry).

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1. = Approximate location of "Huttobas", huge underground cold storage area
2. = Slaughterhouse
3. = Fruit and Vegetable Warehouse

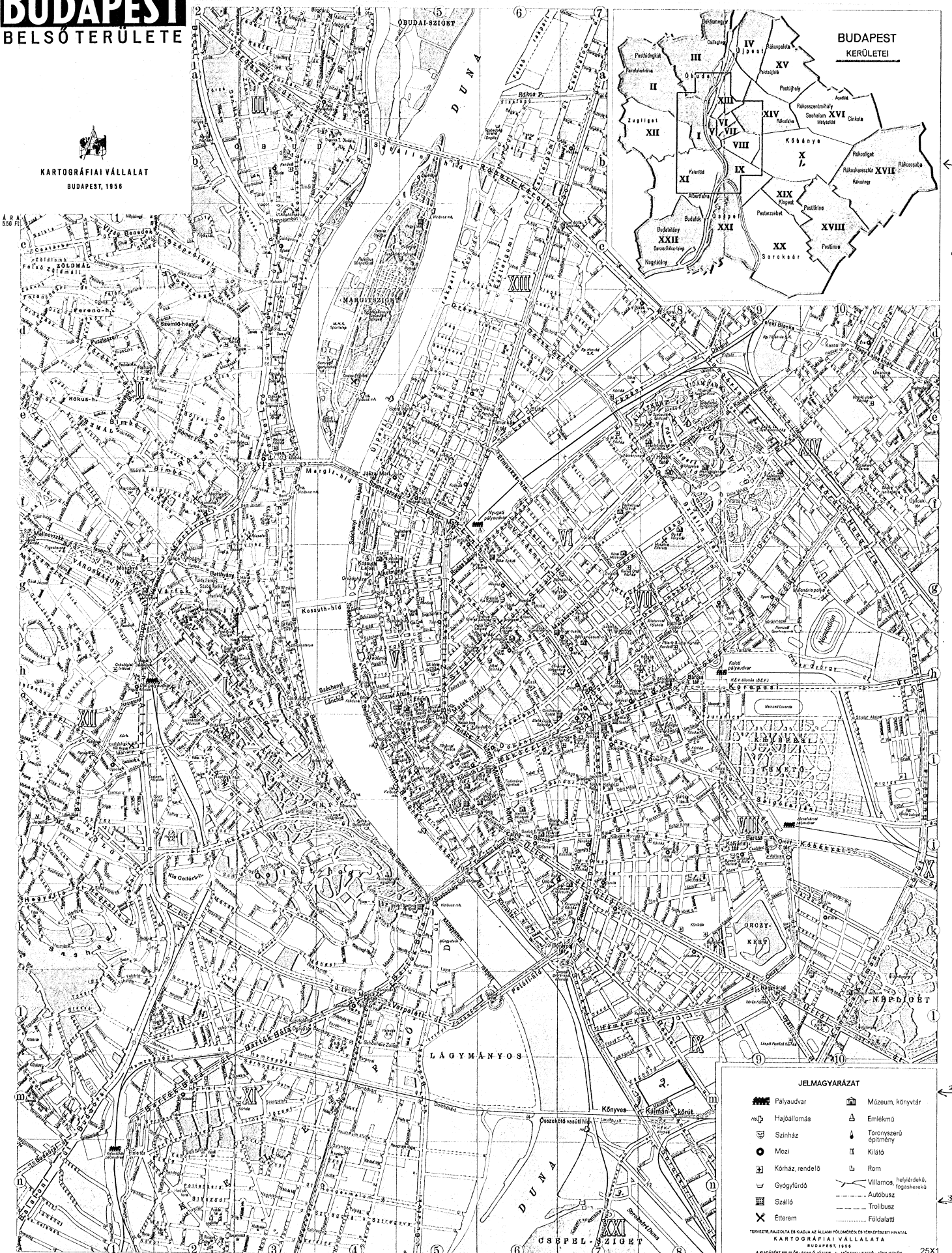
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1.1 Approximate location of "Nutrasol", huge underground cold storage facility
1.2 Slaughter house (3-M)
1.3 Fruit and vegetable warehouse (7-N)

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